

Virginia Department of Social Services
Medicaid Fact Sheet #31
FAMIS Plus

The following information is given as a guideline only. For eligibility for FAMIS Plus to be determined, an application must be filed with the local department of social services in your locality.

FAMIS Plus is Medicaid coverage for children under age 19. The child does not have to be living with a parent or relative.

You may call your local department of social services and ask for a Health Insurance Application for Children and Pregnant Women to be sent to you. You may also download an application from the Internet at <http://www.famis.org/materials.cfm?lang=English#FamisApp>. It is not necessary to be interviewed at the local department of social services. Applications may be mailed or faxed to the local department of social services. If you have questions or need assistance in completing an application, please contact an eligibility worker at your local department of social services.

It is necessary for a local department of social services to have certain information for the department to determine a child's eligibility for FAMIS Plus. If the required information is taken to the agency or mailed with the application form, the processing time could be shortened.

To be eligible for FAMIS Plus, a child must:

- be under age 19. The child's date of birth must be provided on the application.
- be a resident of Virginia. Declaration of Virginia residence will be accepted unless there is reason to question the residence.
- be a citizen or lawful alien. Citizenship and identity or alien status must be verified. You may obtain a list of acceptable types of documentation of citizenship and identity called "Proof of Citizenship" on the VDSS web site at: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/me_famis/facts.html, or an eligibility worker can give you a copy of the list. For children under age 16, the child's parent or legal guardian may attest to the identity of the child on the application form or on an Affidavit for Identity for Children Under Age 16, which the eligibility worker will give to you if necessary.
- have a Social Security number or show proof of application for a Social Security number.
- have a parent or authorized representative who agrees to assign all rights to medical support and payment of medical care from any third party to the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). This includes providing identifying information about other health

insurance the child has to the eligibility worker. Also, you must notify DMAS if the parent or child receives money meant to cover medical expenses, such as a settlement resulting from a lawsuit, and send DMAS any funds received for medical care that was already paid for by Medicaid.

- have income below specified levels. The child's income and the income of any relative living with the child who is legally responsible for the child must be verified. Parents and/or the spouse of a child who is married are relatives who are legally responsible for the financial support of the child. The gross amount of income (before any deductions) earned from employment must be verified using pay stubs or a written statement from the employer. Other income, such as child support, must be also be verified. The eligibility worker can tell you what is acceptable as verification of a particular type of income.

To determine a child's eligibility for FAMIS Plus, the income of certain family members must be evaluated. These family members include the child's parents if they are living in the home with the child, plus any brothers or sisters of the child who are under 21 if they live in the home with the child.

Income limits are given as guidelines only. The family unit's income could be higher than the income limits and the child could still be eligible for FAMIS Plus because of deductions for work expenses and child care.

FAMIS Plus Family Unit	Monthly Income
1	\$1,153
2	1,552
3	1,951
4	2,350
5	2,749
6	3,148
7	3,547
8	3,946
Each Add'l. Person Add	399

Resources, such as bank accounts, cars, etc. are not looked at when determining a child's eligibility for FAMIS Plus.

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PURPOSE OF FORM - The local agency workers may distribute this form to provide customers with basic policy information regarding coverage for a child under age 19.

NUMBER OF COPIES - One.

DISPOSITION OF FORM - One per inquirer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM - The form does not require the addition of any information by the eligibility worker.